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23 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 23 May 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Herter, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Sprague,  
Mr. Hollister, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Dearborn,  
Mr. Stassen, Mr. Staats

1. NSC

Mr. Cutler reviewed for the Board current NSC matters.

2. Trial of US Army Sergeant in Japan

Several members of the Board expressed concern over the implications of the controversy surrounding the trial of the US Army Sergeant who accidentally killed a Japanese woman on a US firing range in Japan last January. State and Defense will confer on what action might be undertaken to avoid unfavorable publicity.

3. Magsaysay Memorial

The issuance of a US postage stamp commemorating Magsaysay has been approved by the President. The President has stated he wishes a stamp to be put out as quickly as possible. The Post Office Department, however, says it cannot be issued until the last quarter of this year since ninety days lead-time is required. Mr. Washburn suggested that it be issued on 31 August as that will be Magsaysay's 50th birthday. The stamp will be 8¢ denomination, printed in 120 million units and remain on sale from 6-18 months. It will be one of the "Champions of Liberty" series which will honor others like Bolivar and Masaryk.

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4. Soviets' Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries

The DCI called attention to news stories about the Soviets' establishment of a State Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, and their reference to the Iron Curtain which they allege the West has put down on cultural-scientific links with Socialist countries. The DCI said he thought the Soviets might make very good propaganda out of this move and we should move quickly and decisively to counter it. It was suggested that a special committee be formed by Bill Lacy to give consideration to counterpropaganda measures. (It has now been decided this will be handled by the Beam Committee.)

5. US Study of Soviet Economic Reorganization

A suggestion was made that a McGraw-Hill representative or some prominent industrialist under McGraw-Hill sponsorship be sent to the Soviet Union to study their economic reorganization.

6. The Gomulka Speech

The Gomulka Speech was discussed and Mr. Herter informed the Board that this speech had created a great deal of interest among members of Congress. The DCI said that he would include this item in his briefing for the NSC on 23 May.

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9. Randall Economic Study Group

Mr. Herter stated that it was his opinion that reports of the Randall Economic Study Group should be channeled into the OCB.

10. CHINCOM-COCOM Negotiations

A brief discussion was held concerning the status of the CHINCOM-COCOM negotiations.



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ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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